GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF ASBESTOS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where maximum number of asbestos sheets /pipes are manufactured;

(b) whether these asbestos products are exported;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the value of foreign currency earned through such exports;

(d) whether according to the health experts, asbestos products manufacturing units causes lung diseases;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to close down these units;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken to protect the interests of employees of these units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : The names of places where maximum number of asbestos sheets / pipes are manufactured are Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) Following are the value of Indian exports of asbestos sheets / pipes :

(Rs. in lakhs)

s.no	Item	2000-01	2001-02 (Upto Feb. 2002)
1	Asbestos cement sheets (other than corrugated sheets	238.53	270.25
2	Asbestos cement pipes	7.17	5.08

Source : DGCI&S

(d) to (g) : There is no conclusive study conducted by Health experts to suggest that manufacturing of Asbestos products cause lung diseases and as such there is no proposal before the Government to close down these units.